

Council Policy: Advisory Election- Century II & Central Public Library



City Council

August 18, 2020



Background



- On July 10, 2020, the Wichita City Clerk was presented with a petition from the group “Save Century II”
- The petition is seeking a binding public vote prior to demolition, sale, remodeling, or leasing of any prominent public building of “architectural or historic significance”
- This language encompasses Century II, the Wichita Public Library, and likely other buildings



Analysis



- The belief is that there is not a statutory basis for the City to call for a binding election on this issue, which is what the petition in its current form proposes
- The proposed policy provides that the City Council would call for an advisory election prior to the demolition of Century II or the Central Public Library
- Estimated costs for an advisory election total \$100,000



Recommendation



- It is recommended that the City Council consider the proposed policy and take appropriate action
- Action on the proposed policy could be taken by Council Policy or by a Council Resolution



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